

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An extendable container comprising a container body including a bottom part, a bellows barrel part extendable in a height direction, and a top part having an openable cover, and a sheet, said sheet wrapped around the outer circumference of the container body to secure the container body.
2. (Original) The extendable container according to claim 1, wherein the bellows barrel part comprises ring portions, each having a predetermined width and trough portions, the ring portion including projections arranged thereon at regular intervals, and wherein the sheet comprises locking holes at positions in alignment with the projections of the ring portion so that the locking holes receive the respective projections with the sheet wrapped around the bellows barrel part.
3. (Original) The extendable container according to claim 1, wherein at least three ring portions, including a top ring portion, an intermediate ring portion, and a bottom ring portion, comprise projections.
4. (Currently Amended) The extendable container according to ~~one of claims 1 through 3~~ claim 2, wherein the bellows barrel part comprises the ring portions, each having the predetermined width and the trough portions, and wherein the sheet is secured to the bellows barrel part by applying a peelable adhesive onto a rear surface of the sheet and then by wrapping the sheet around the bellows barrel part with the rear surface thereof in contact with the bellows barrel part.
5. (Original) The extendable container according to claim 4, wherein the adhesive is applied in a plurality of bands, on the rear surface of the sheet, extending in the height direction of the sheet or the circular direction of the sheet.

6. (New) A container comprising:

a bellows barrel having a first end and a second end, said bellows barrel being extendable between at least a first height and a second height;
a bottom part connected to said first end of said bellows barrel;
a top part connected to said second end of said bellows barrel; and
a sheet removably attached to at least a portion of said bellows barrel to maintain said bellows barrel at said first height,
wherein said bellows barrel is collapsible to said second height when said sheet is removed from said bellows barrel.

7. (New) The container of claim 6 wherein said bellows barrel includes a plurality of ring portions and a plurality of trough portions.

8. (New) The container of claim 7 wherein said ring portions include a plurality of projections and said sheet includes a plurality of holes for receiving said projections.